

**BLUAC Special Meeting**  
**April 4, 2006**

Members present: Tim Calaway, Bob Keenan, John Bourquin, Jack Paulson, Clarice Ryan, Scott Hollinger, Phil Hanson

Chairman Hollinger called the special meeting, at the Bigfork Chamber, to order at 4:05 PM. He asked if all committee members had a copy of the most recent draft of bylaw changes. He explained that the document would be reviewed from the beginning.

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**Statement of Purpose:**

Phil Hanson asked that the same wording from the current bylaws “shall be governed . . . by the Bigfork Land Use Plan”. After discussion, with a unanimous show of hands it was agreed to add this statement before Statement of Purpose, as well as under Duties and Responsibilities following the word “implementation”.

Chuck Gough asked why the committee was interested in changing the bylaws now with elections coming in May. Phil Hanson asked when it was decided to completely rewrite the bylaws. Hollinger stated that he had asked Clarice Ryan to have a look at the bylaws because it was thought there were problems with the wording of the current document. Tim Calaway stated that he felt we needed to change the absentee requirements of the current bylaws.

Edd Blackler asked for wording to be included in the Statement of Purpose that BLUAC act in a capacity to filter and massage applications in the zoning area. The request did not receive a favorable response. No show of hands was requested.

Small changes included adding “Bylaws” to the heading and delete the words “as amended” under MCA in Definitions. The several lines documenting the adopted date and amended dates will be moved to the end of the draft after “Severability” section.

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Add “implementation of the Bigfork Land Use Plan” to the continuation of Duties and Responsibilities.

John Bourquin asked why the change in qualification of member’s residency from two years in the current bylaws to one year in the draft. It was pointed out that several of the county boards have a one-year residency requirement, including the Bigfork Steering Committee. Bourquin also asked that a statement to the effect that “BLUAC members can not be a member at the same time on the FCPZ Board or the County Board of Adjustments”. He contended that being on both boards constitutes a conflict of interest much like stuffing the ballot box or having the opportunity to vote more than once on the same issue. After discussion, Hollinger called for a show of hands to include the provision in the draft document. The statement will not be included by a 5 to 2 show of hands, Bourquin and Hanson dissenting.

Chairman will be changed to Chair throughout.

**Resignations, Vacancies, Absences:**

Phil Hanson questioned the change and offered that if there were unlimited excused absences, it would be more appropriate to eliminate the entire section on absences. Hollinger called for a show of hands for keeping the section as written. The section will remain by a 5 to 2 show of hands. Bourquin and Hanson dissenting.

**Officers and Duties:**

After discussion on the first sentence of the section it was generally agreed to add between “advised” and “in advance of applicant filing dates” the words “of qualification requirements”, and delete “concerning member qualification requirements”.

After discussion on the second paragraph of the section it was generally agreed to add “in June” after “meeting” and delete the remainder of the sentence. The second sentence in the paragraph (beginning “As soon as”) will also be deleted.

**Page 4****Secretary:**

Sue Hanson read a 4-point letter, and provided copies to the committee, in response to comments at past meetings by Clarice Ryan and Jack Paulson regarding her actions as secretary (attached).

Hollinger stated the draft minutes sent out prior to approval should read “Draft For Approval”. The last sentence in the second bullet point beginning “Outside distribution” was discussed at length. Hanson, Bourquin and members of the community felt that waiting 30 days for making even draft minutes available to the public would be a disservice to those unable to attend BLUAC meetings. A show of hands was called to keep the sentence as is was called. The sentence will remain with a 5 to 2 show of hands, Hanson and Bourquin dissenting. Further discussion was held regarding notifying the Planning Office of action taken in a timely manner. Hollinger and Calaway stated that a “Summary of Action” could be emailed to the Planning Office in lieu of draft minutes. It was also noted that any member of the public and news media may take and share notes or impressions of the meeting under the open meeting law.

**Meetings:**

The third sentence of the first bullet point will be amended to delete “If possible”, change “should” to “shall”, change “or posting” to “and posting”.

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Second bullet point “Legal Board/Committee Procedures”, entire sentence to be deleted.

The word “board” throughout to be replaced with “committee”.

**Page 6****Order of Business:**

First sentence replace “shall” with “should”. Second sentence insert after “Order of procedure “should be” and finish with “as follows”.

Under fifth bullet point “Application Submittal”, sixth sentence add “until action is taken” at end of sentence.

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**Official Requests:**

Change the word “of” before FCPZ with “to”.

After discussion, it was decided, by a unanimous show of hands, to add in the **“Duties and Responsibilities”** section on page 1 and 2 “Committee members shall physically review the property for which an application has been made”.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 Pm

Sue Hanson,  
Secretary